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Allotment of lands under the occupation of landless labourers and ex-servicemen to political sufferers.

* 77 *Q.*—JANAB SYED MAHABOOB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the lands brought under cultivation by the landless labourers and ex-military personnel in Bapatla taluk, have been taken away and allotted to political sufferers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—" The Government have no information in the matter but have called for the same from the Collector and his reply is awaited."

Assignment of poramboke and lanka lands to the ex-tappers.

* 78 *Q.*—SRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any poramboke lands and lanka lands were assigned or leased to the ex-tappers in the districts of East Godavari and West Godavari, who were thrown out of employment; and

(*b*) if so, the number of ex-tappers and the total extent of land assigned or leased to them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information in the matter but have called for the same from the Collectors concerned and their replies are awaited."

Report of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee.

* 79 *Q.*—SRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the report of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—" The recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee are being examined by the Government. The question of undertaking the necessary legislation will be considered after the Government arrive at a decision on the recommendations."

Grant of loans on the lands assigned to political sufferers and ex-servicemen.

* 80 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government are granting loans on the lands, granted to political sufferers and ex-servicemen; and

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(b) if so, whether this concession is allowed to the landless poor who have been assigned lands under G.O. No. 1523, Revenue, dated 11th June 1949?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—" (a) Yes. Loans are granted to political sufferers and Ex-servicemen under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists Loans Act on hypothecation of the lands assigned to them or some other lands owned by them.

" (b) Yes."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government still pursuing the policy of granting loans to political sufferers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not on the ground that they are political sufferers but on the ground that they own lands."

Improvements to the conditions in jails.

* 81 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the conditions in jails have been improved and if so, in what manner;

(b) the food ration allowed for inmates in jails, after decontrol of foodgrains;

(c) whether the inmates are allowed groundnut and potato in addition to foodgrains;

(d) whether, in the evenings, the inmates are allowed to have any entertainments, and if so, what kind of entertainments; and

(e) whether the inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The following are some of the noteworthy measures introduced in recent years with a view to improve the conditions in jails :—

(1) Prisoners who are certified to be in real need of a pair of spectacles are supplied with a pair each.

(2) Dental treatment is given to prisoners at the cost of Government according to the nature of the treatment and the class to which the prisoner belongs.

(3) The privilege allowed to class I prisoners for the use of soap, hair oil, unction oil at their own cost is extended to such class II prisoners as have by their conduct and behaviour in jails proved themselves deserving of this amenity.

(4) Prisoners are supplied with one ounce of oil per prisoner for oil bath once a month; and 1½ ounces of Boonthikai per mensem per prisoner.